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ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE

Draft report

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Addendum

I. CALENDAR OF CONFERENCES AND MEETINGS (continued)

E. Consideration of the draft calendar of conferences and meetings of subsidiary organs of the Economic and Social Council for 1994-1995

Introduction and overview

1. In its decision 1988/103 of 5 February 1988, the Economic and Social Council invited the Committee on Conferences to review the Council's draft biennial calendar of conferences and meetings and to submit, as appropriate, its recommendations thereon to the Council.

2. At its 351st meeting, on 20 May 1993, the Committee on Conferences discussed the aforementioned draft calendar (A/AC.172/1993/CRP.13 and E/1993/L.20).

Discussion

3. Concern was expressed regarding the increased requests of intergovernmental bodies to seek exceptions to the biennialization of their sessions, particularly in view of the fact that such requests did not result in sessions of shorter

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duration and were contrary to recommendation 2 (b) of the Group of High-level Intergovernmental Experts to Review the Efficiency of the Administrative and Financial Functioning of the United Nations.

4. Clarification was sought and received from the Secretariat regarding various aspects of the provisional calendar of conferences and meetings for 1994 and 1995 in the economic, social and related fields.

Conclusions and recommendations

5. The Committee on Conferences noted that, in accordance with Council resolution 1988/77 of 29 July 1988, paragraph 2 (f) (i), in the draft calendar submitted by the Secretary-General, the subsidiary bodies of the Council were, to the extent possible, scheduled to end their 1994-1995 sessions at least eight weeks prior to the scheduled dates for the Economic and Social Council.

6. The Committee wished to encourage the Council to continue its consideration of the biennialization of meetings of its subsidiary bodies.

7. The Committee noted with appreciation the action taken by the Council in 1992 concerning the discontinuance of summary records for its sessional committees, as well as for some subsidiary bodies.

8. The Committee recommended the adoption of the draft calendar of the Economic and Social Council as presented, while noting that the venues of some bodies affected by the restructuring under General Assembly resolution 47/212 B of 6 May 1993 was subject to review.